

Proposed General Plan Update Goals, Policies, and Implementation Actions



Stormwater

The City of San José is committed to responsible stormwater management to support healthy habitats, a healthy population, and a healthy economy. To accomplish these goals, San José will implement policies and programs that recognize stormwater as a resource and manage its discharge into the City's storm drain system to enhance the quality of local waterways.

Responsible Stormwater Management

Goal SW-1 Minimize the adverse effects on ground and surface water quality and protect property and natural resources from stormwater runoff generated in the City of San José.

SW-1 Stormwater Management Policies

Policy SW-1.1 Manage stormwater runoff in compliance with the City's Post-Construction Urban Runoff (6-29) and Hydromodification Management (8-14) Policies.

Policy SW-1.2 Coordinate with regional and local agencies and private landowners to plan, finance, construct, and maintain regional stormwater management facilities.

Policy SW-1.3 Ensure that private development in San José includes adequate measures to treat stormwater runoff to the maximum extent practicable.

Policy SW-1.4 Ensure that all development projects in San José maximize opportunities to filter, infiltrate, store and reuse or evaporate stormwater runoff onsite; implement Low Impact Development (LID) stormwater management to the maximum extent feasible.

Policy SW-1.5 Eliminate barriers to and enact policies in support of the reuse of stormwater runoff for beneficial uses in existing infrastructure and future development in San José.

Policy SW-1.6 Encourage stormwater reuse for beneficial uses in existing infrastructure and future development through the installation of rain barrels, cisterns, or other water storage and reuse facilities.

Policy SW-1.7 Consider the characteristics and condition of the local watershed and identify opportunities for water quality improvement when developing new or updating existing development plans or policies including, but not limited to, specific or area land use plans.

SW-1 Stormwater Management Actions

- Action SW-1.7 Partner with public, private, and non-profit agencies on public outreach and education on the importance of responsible stormwater management.
- Action SW-1.8 Continue to participate in the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SVURPPP) and take other necessary actions to formulate and meet regional water quality standards which are implemented through the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits and other measures. (Updated SJ2020 GP)